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Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

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We are pleased that you can participate in our conference on Balkans Regional issues on June 11-13 1985. It will begin with a dinner the evening of June 11 (cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30), continue June 12, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and conclude June 13, with a 9:00 am to 12:30 pm session. The dinner on June 11 will provide an opportunity for you to meet the other panelists, and will be highlighted by a keynote address by Ambassador Robert Barry. You will also be our guest at a luncheon on June 12.

We are asking you to synthesize 12 June discussions of internal problems in the individual Balkans states. You need not, however, attempt to summarize the views of previous speakers. We would like you to develop broad common themes of stability and instability in the region, touching perhaps on issues such as generational change, the role of the military, and the impact of economic difficulties. We would also appreciate any views you might have about potential "spillover" of instability from one Balkan state to another. It is to be understood that all remarks will remain confidential.

We are not requesting formal papers for the conference, but would appreciate an outline of your major themes to help us to organize our preparations. Your active participation in other panel discussions is encouraged, but all panelists are not expected to comment on every topic. After the panelists' comments, we will open the meeting to questions from the audience.

In keeping with standard government policy, the remuneration for your participation will be \$250 per day. In addition, we will reimburse you for travel expenses (tourist class), lodging and meal costs not to exceed \$75 per day, and incidental expenses such as taxifare. At the conference, we will distribute a reimbursement form for you to mail back to us. (Receipts are required for amounts over \$15.)

We have made hotel reservations for you at The Holiday Inn Motel in Rosslyn, Virginia for the nights of 11 and 12 June, at \$68 per night. The

reservation is guaranteed so that it will be retained even if you arrive later than 6:00pm on the 11th. The hotel is close to a subway stop for Washington, D.C., and convenient to the conference site.

If you have any further questions, please write [redacted]

[redacted] On arrival, please call [redacted]
at [redacted] after hours, or [redacted] during working hours for more details
on the conference site.

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Your old friend [redacted] sends his regards, and will try to get together with you while you are in Washington.

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Sincerely,



George Kolt
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